

The showing of suggestion to combine must be clear and particular. Examiner has made no such showing. In re Dembicza, 175 F.3d 994, 50 USPQ 2d. 1614 (Fed. Cir.1999).

In view of the foregoing, it is urged that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow the claims. If there are any comments, questions or suggestions to be made, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the applicant's representative at the telephone number given below for prompt disposition of any still outstanding matters.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant filed a petition and declaration to make special/age with the initial application filing. No evidence of grant of the petition has been received. Please expedite this application. Copies of the declaration and petition are enclosed herewith.

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